

We claim:

1. A mold for forming a contact lens comprising an overflow collector.
2. The mold of claim 1, wherein said overflow collector is shaped like a trough.
3. The mold of claim 1, wherein said overflow collector is at least partly defined by a structure.
4. The mold of claim 3, wherein said structure is a protrusion.
5. The mold of claim 4, wherein said protrusion is flexible.
6. The mold of claim 3, wherein said structure is a depression.
7. The mold of claim 3, wherein said mold comprises a first mold portion and a second mold portion and said structure is present on said first mold portion.
8. The mold of claim 7, wherein said first mold portion comprises a flange, and said structure is present continuously around said flange.
9. The mold of claim 8, wherein said structure is a protrusion, said protrusion having a triangular shape.
10. The mold of claim 8, wherein said structure is a depression.
11. The mold of claim 3, wherein said mold comprises a first mold portion and a second mold portion and said structure is present on said first mold portion.

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12. The mold of claim 11, wherein said structure is a protrusion, said protrusion having a rectangular shape.
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13. The mold of claim 3, wherein said structure comprises a different material from said mold material.
14. The mold of claim 3, wherein said structure is not adhered to said mold.
15. The mold of claim 14, wherein said structure is a ring.
16. The mold of claim 1, wherein said mold is reusable.
17. A method of preventing the formation of contaminating pieces of overflow reactive mixture in a mold comprising the step of: preventing the overflow reactive mixture from spreading out on said mold.
18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of decreasing the surface area of said overflow which is exposed to the environment.
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19. The method of claim 17, wherein said preventing step is accomplished by providing a structure which defines an overflow collector on said mold.